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SUBJECT: US-EC FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN ADVANCE EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL GALLAGHER'S VISIT FOR FISHERY TALKS FEBRUARY 3-4, GALLAGHER SAID HE HOPED US SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM THE ISSUE OF HOW TO BALANCE TWO AGREEMENTS WHICH HE HOPES TO NEGOTIATE WITH US. HE NOTED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS CLEARLY NO QUESTION ABOUT NEGOTIATING A SINGLE "RECIPROCAL" AGREEMENT, THERE WAS, NEVERTHELESS, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AGREEMENTS PROVIDING ACCESS TO SURPLUSES ON BOTH SIDES, AND AGREEMENTS WHICH PROVIDED FOR OBJECTIVE OF SOME MORE BALANCED "RECIPROCITY" IN ACTUAL ALLOCATIONS OF QUOTAS.

2. IN CASE OF US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA, GALLAGHER SAID HE DOUBTED THAT AGREEMENT, WHICH ONLY PROVIDED THAT US VESSELS SHARE ON NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS IN ANY SURPLUS THAT MIGHT BE DECLARED, WOULD BE OF MUCH USE TO US. HE SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT MUCH, IF ANY, SHRIMP SURPLUS COULD BE
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DECLARED AND MAINTAINED FOR ANY APPRECIABLE TIME INTO FUTURE. HOWEVER, EC WAS PREPARED TO ALLOW US VESSELS TO FISH SHRIMP EVEN IN ABSENCE OF SURPLUS IF IT COULD BE SHOWN TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO EC FISHERMEN IN US WATERS. THUS, HE WOULD ASK, IN EFFECT, THAT US PROCEED TO ALLOCATE ITS OWN SURPLUSES USING A DOUBLE STANDARD: I.E., ONLY AFTER ALLOCATING SOME PORTION TO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE PREPARED TO "RECIPROCATATE"

WITH OFFERS OF EQUIVALENT (IN VALUE) FISHERIES TO US VESSELS
IN THEIR WATERS WOULD THE REMAINING "SURPLUS", IF ANY, BE
ALLOCATED AMONG ALL WHO HAD SIGNED GIFA'S ON THE BASIS OF
LRADITIONAL FISHERIES IN US WATERS.

3. EFFECT OF THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, FAVOR EC VESSELS OVER
THOSE OF, FOR EXAMPLE, USSR AND GDR WHO HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER
TO US FISHERMEN. HOWEVER, FROM STANDPOINT OF US INDUSTRY
FISHING US WATERS, THERE WOULD BE NO EFFECT, SINCE
(PRESUMABLY) US INDUSTRY IS INDIFFERENT AS TO HOW SURPLUS IS
ALLOCATED AMONG ELIGIBEL FOREIGN FISHERMEN. WE SAID THAT WE
DID NOT SEE ANY BASIS FOR THIS PROPOSAL IN US LAW BUT COULD
NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER PROPOSAL HE WOULD MAKE WAS NECESSARILY
EXCLUDED BY OUR LAW.

4. WE AGREED TO REPORT HIS SUGGESTION (WHICH HE WOULD SEEK
TO EMBODY IN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD GOVERN US FISHING IN EC
WATERS AND NOT REPEAT NOT IN THAT REGULATING EC FISHING IN
OUR WATERS) SO THAT WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER
REPLY BEOFRE HIS ARRIVAL.HINTON

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